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**TESTIMONY OF ALAPAKI NAHALE-A, CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON HOUSING AND  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**IN SUPPORT OF**

**SB 3025 SD2, RELATING TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING CREDITS**

**March 21, 2012**

Chair Cabanilla, Chair Hanohano and Members of the Committees:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) supports this measure that clarifies requirements of affordable housing credits issued to our department.

Since Act 141 was passed by the legislature in 2009, the department has worked with each county to request and acquire affordable housing credits for completed units in our homestead communities. Affordable housing credits have afforded us greater opportunities to develop homesteads and meet our mission to return native Hawaiians to our trust lands. SB 3025 seeks to clarify the use of these credits, and the passage of this measure will increase the potential value of the credits by removing potential county limitations related to the application of the credits.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

The Pacific Resource  
**PARTNERSHIP**



# LATE TESTIMONY

Testimony of C. Mike Kido  
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SB 3025, SD2 - Relating to Affordable Housing Credits  
Wednesday, March 21, 2012  
10:00 am  
Conference Room 325

Aloha Chair Cabanilla, Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Ito, Vice Chair Lee, and Members of the Committees:

My name is C. Mike Kido, External Affairs of the Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP), a labor-management consortium representing over 240 signatory contractors and the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, formerly the Hawaii Carpenters Union.

PRP supports SB 3025, SD2 which Amends section 46-15.1(b), HRS, to clarify that affordable housing credits shall be issued for each single-family residence, multi-family unit, other residential unit, or if allowed under the county's affordable housing programs, vacant lot, developed by the department of Hawaiian home lands under specified conditions and requirements and shall be freely transferrable. This measure also prohibits county limitations relating to application of the credits.

This measure not only provides clarification, but it provides the private sector with an alternative method to satisfy county imposed affordable housing requirements; affordable housing credits can be used to move stalled projects and create jobs for our unemployed construction workers.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views with you and we respectfully request your support on SB 3025, SD2.